

REMARKS

Favorable reconsideration of the above-identified application is respectfully requested in view of the following remarks.

Claims 13-19 are newly added by this Amendment. Thus, Claims 1-19 are pending in this application, with Claims 1, 10-13 and 17 being independent.

The Official Action rejects Claims 1-4 and 7-12 under 35 U.S.C. §102(e) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 6,628,325, hereinafter *Steinberg*.

Steinberg discloses a communication device for interconnecting a digital camera to a communication network for downloading data to a remote computer. *Steinberg* discloses that the device may have a smartcard socket into which a user can insert a card to input data, such as user and camera ID. Beginning in column 8, line 48, *Steinberg* describes that the communication device can also be programmed to mark, i.e., watermark or fingerprint, the images for the purpose of deterring unauthorized use.

Claims 1 and 10-12 have been amended to include subject matter directed to classification and storage of data based on ID information as a save group. Thus, Claims 1 and 10-12 now define combinations including features generally directed toward classification and storage of data received from a data holding device based on the ID information as a save group, wherein each of the save groups corresponds to a respective ID information. The claimed configurations are advantageous in that they allow a processing device to search the save groups corresponding to the ID information, thereby reducing the burden of searching on the processing device and the time to complete a search.

Steinberg does not disclose classifying and storing data that is received from a device based on ID information as a save group, wherein each of the save groups corresponds to a respective ID information, and therefore does not achieve the above-noted advantage. For at least this reason, Claims 1 and 10-12 are allowable.

Claims 2-4 and 7-9 are allowable at least by virtue of their dependence from allowable independent claims, and also because they define features that patentably distinguish over the cited reference.

Claims 5 and 6 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over *Steinberg* in view of U.S. Patent No. 6,273,535, hereinafter *Inoue*.

The Official Action relies on *Inoue* to disclose a data processor that is provided with a data holding transceiving unit for communication with a data holding device. As relied upon in the Official Action, *Inoue* does not remedy the deficiencies of the rejection with respect to Claim 1, from which Claims 5 and 6 depend. For at least that reason, Claims 5 and 6 are allowable.

New Claims 13 and 17 define combinations including features generally directed toward storage of data held by a holding device in a save group corresponding to ID information of a holding device. As noted above, *Steinberg* does not disclose classification or storage of data as a save group. For at least this reason, Claims 13 and 17 are allowable. Claims 14-16, 18 and 19 are allowable at least by virtue of their dependence from Claims 13 and 16, and because they define features that distinguish over the cited disclosures.

For at least the reasons stated above, it is requested that all of the rejections be withdrawn and that this application be allowed in a timely manner.

Should any questions arise in connection with this application, or should the Examiner feel that a teleconference with the undersigned would be helpful in resolving any remaining issues pertaining to this application, the undersigned respectfully requests that he be contacted at the number indicated below.

Respectfully submitted,

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